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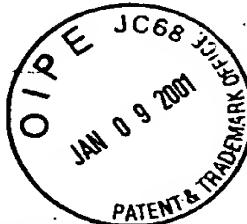
In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

**MORALES et al.**

Appn. No.: 09/735,918

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Attached is a Form PTO-1449 listing the enclosed documents.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of this application.

Should a first action on the merits have been issued on the same day or before this IDS is filed, please accept this IDS under Rule 97(c) and charge the requisite Rule 17(p) fee to our Deposit Account No. 03-3975 under Order No. 070373/0266848 and proceed to consider this IDS.

This IDS is intended to be in full compliance with the rules, but should the Examiner find any part of its required content to have been omitted, prompt notice to that effect is earnestly solicited, along with additional time under Rule 97(f), to enable Applicant to comply fully.

Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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